

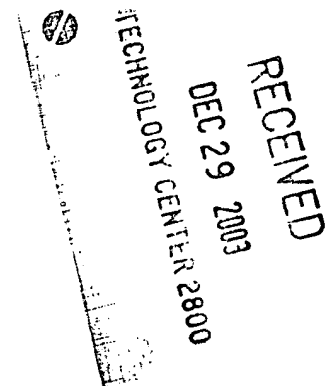


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Mann et al.  
Serial No.: 09/920,285  
For: 6-MIRROR MICROLITHOGRAPHY PROJECTION  
OBJECTIVE  
Filed: August 1, 2001  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Art Unit: 2881  
Attorney Docket No.: 637.0008USU

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.


| CLAIMS AS AMENDED            |   |       |   |                  |           |     |
|------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------|-----------|-----|
|                              | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Present<br>Extra | Rate      |     |
| Total<br>Claims              | 27  | Minus | 27                                      | 0                | x \$18.00 | \$0 |
| Independent<br>Claims        | 4   | Minus | 4                                       | 0                | x \$80.00 | \$0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE |   |       |   | x \$270.00 = \$  |           |     |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES  |   |       |   | \$0              |           |     |

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.

     A check in the amount of \$ 0 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

November 14, 2001  
Date

  
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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-noted patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, after the title, please add the following cross-reference to related applications:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/503,640, filed February 14, 2000. The present application also claims priorities of (a) German Patent Application No. 100 37 870.6, filed August 1, 2000, (b) European Patent Application No. 01116916.6, filed July 11, 2001, and (c) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/255,214, filed December 13, 2000.